

Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry

Division of Occupational Safety and Health

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

Possible Amendment to Rules Relating to Filing and Service of Various Notices and Documents, Minnesota Rules, parts 5210.0007, 5210.0536, and 5210.0554; Revisor's ID Number TBD

Subject of Rules. The Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry requests comments on its possible amendment to rules governing the filing and service of Notices of Contest, and letter of contest under rule parts 5210.0536 and 5210.00539, progress reports, and other abatement documentation. The Department intends to amend the rules to permit employers and other persons to file by email or other reliable means of electronic transmission.

Persons Affected. The amendment to the rules would likely affect any person responsible for filing Notices of Contest, letters of contest, progress reports, and other abatement documentation.

Statutory Authority. *Minnesota Statutes* § 182.657 authorizes the Commissioner of Labor and Industry to “promulgate rules as may be deemed necessary to carry out the responsibilities” of chapter 182.

Public Comment. Interested persons or groups may submit comments or information on these possible rules in writing until 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 5, 2013. The Department does not plan to appoint an advisory committee to comment on the possible rules.

Rules Drafts. The Department has placed a draft of the possible rules in its rulemaking docket, which can be located from: <http://www.dli.mn.gov/Rulemaking.asp>.

Agency Contact Person. Written comments, questions, requests to receive a draft of the rules when it has been prepared, and requests for more information on these possible rules should be directed to: Kelli Peters at the Department of Labor and Industry, 443 Lafayette Road N., St. Paul, MN, 55155, (651) 284-5006, or dli.rules@state.mn.us. TTY users may call the Department at (651) 297-4198.

Alternative Format. Upon request, this information can be made available in an alternative format, such as large print, braille, or audio. To make such a request, please contact the agency contact person at the address or telephone number listed above.

NOTE: Comments received in response to this notice will not necessarily be included in the formal rulemaking record submitted to the administrative law judge if and when a proceeding to adopt rules is started. The agency is required to submit to the judge only those written comments received in response to the rules after they are proposed. If you submitted comments during the development of the rules and you want to ensure that the Administrative Law Judge reviews the comments, you should resubmit the comments after the rules are formally proposed.

Dated: April 25, 2013

Ken B. Peterson, Commissioner
Department of Labor and Industry